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TAKEOVER OF TIMOR; MURTOPO TO VISIT LISBOM IN EARLY MARCH

1. PERTAMINA REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE BENSON TOLD POLCOUNS
FEBRUARY 28 THAT SUHARTO ADVISER LT GEN ALI MURTOPO TOLD
HIM DURING CONVERSATION SAME DAY THAT GOI NOT PLANNING
MILITARY INVASION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR, ALTHOUGH IT IS
WORRIED ABOUT SECURITY SITUATION THERE. MURTOPO ADDED
THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT LISBON FOR FURTHER TALKS WITH
GOP AFTER ATTENDING OPEC CONFERENCE MARCH 4-6 IN
ALGIERS. BENSON SAID HE HAS HEARD FROM OTHER ARMY
CONTACTS THAT GOI IS WAITING FOR RESULTS OF PORTUGUESE
ELECTION IN APRIL BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION ON TIMOR
PROBLEM. IF ELECTIONS PRODUCE STRONG LEFTWARD TREND,
THIS MIGHT PROMPT MILITARY TAKEOVER OF TIMOR WHICH GOI
COULD CARRY OUT "IN AN AFTERNOON," BENSON SAID.

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2. ALSO ON FEBRUARY 28 FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK TOLD PRESS ON HIS RETURN FROM ESCAPE CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI THAT THERE ARE MANY ALTERNATIVES FOR SOLVING TIMOR PROBLEM, BUT MILITARY ALTERNATIVE IS "ONE THAT GOI HAS NEVER DREAMED OF." MALIK DEPLORED "VERY MUCH PRESENT SITUATION IN PORTUGUESE TIMOR, SAYING IT VIOLATES PORTUGAL'S DECOLONIZATION PLEDGE. INDONESIAN WISHES PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE ON BASIS OF EQUAL RIGHTS WITHOUT THREATS AND TERROR BY MINORITY GROUP PRIOR TO REFERENDUM PROMISED BY PORTUGAL; BUT INDONESIA ALSO WISHES TO AVOID CHAOTIC SITUATION THAT WOULD ALSO AFFECT INDONESIA, MALIK SAID.

3. MALIK SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN TO AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESSEE AT ESCAP IN NEW DELHI CONFERENCE OVER "FALSE" AUSTRALIAN PRESS REPORTS ABOUT INDONESIAN PLANS FOR MILITARY ACTION IN TIMOR "WHICH ADD TO INDONESIA'S PROBLEMS." HE SAID AUSTRALIA SHOULD SUPPORT DECISION OF PEOPLE OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR IF THEY WISH TO JOIN INDONESIA, JUST AS INDONESIA WOULD RESPECT THEIR DECISION SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO JOIN AUSTRALIA, MALIK SAID.
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